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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-4 and 6-20 are allowed. Claims 5 and 21-30 are cancelled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James R. Bell on 08/29/2006.

- **3.** The application has been amended as follows:
 - **A.** In the claims:
 - a. Claims 5 and 21-30 are cancelled.
 - **b.** Claim 1. (Currently Amended)

(Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a system BIOS;

a server including a script associated with a dongle based identification device, an identifier and order information;

a computer system coupled to the server and including a port;

the <u>dongle based</u> identification device coupled to the port, the <u>dongle based</u> device including the identifier;

the computer system configured to:

in response to being powered up, boot by executing instructions from the BIOS;

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read the identifier from the dongle based device;

provide the identifier to the server;

in response to receiving the identifier, the server causing the identifier to be installed matched with the order information and the script; and

cause the script associated with the identifier to be executed to cause one or more software components to be installed onto the computer system; and the identifier being removed from the computer system along with the dongle based identification device and returned to a pool of identification devices for reuse.

c. Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing a computer system including a system BIOS;

providing a server including a script associated with a dongle based identification device, an identifier and order information;

coupling the <u>dongle based</u> identification device to the port, the <u>dongle based</u> device including the identifier;

configuring the computer system to:

in response to being powered up, boot by executing instructions from the BIOS;

read the identifier from the dongle based device;

provide the identifier to the server;

in response to receiving the identifier, the server causing the identifier to be installed matched with the order information and the script; and

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cause the script associated with the identifier to be executed to cause one or more software components to be installed into the computer system; and removing the identifier from the computer system along with the dongle based identification device and returned to a pool of identification devices for reuse.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior arts of record teach or suggest the claimed limitation wherein a server includes a script associated with a dongle based identification device, an identifier and order information, and a computer system incorporating a port with the dongle based identification device including the identifier attached to the port and also the computer system coupled to the server. The computer system upon being powered up, boot by executing instructions from the BIOS; reads the identifier from the dongle based device and provides the identifier to the server. The receipt of the identifier from the computer system causes the server to match the identifier with the order information and the script; and then the script associated with the identifier is to be executed to cause one or more software components to be installed onto the computer system; and the identifier being removed from the computer system along with the dongle based identification device and returned to a pool of identification devices for reuse.

None of the prior arts of record teach or fairly suggest the claimed limitations.

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preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled

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"Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from

the examiner should be directed to Ashok B. Patel whose telephone number is

(571) 272-3972. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the

examiner's supervisor, John A. Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding

is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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